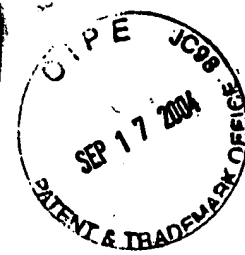


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In response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.